

KRS-One Lyrics

"Black Black Black"

Don't be afraid, don't be ashamed. We want black power. (Black power!) We want black power. (Black power!)
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Black power, and we don't have to be ashamed of it.

This is not the regular
This is that boom-bap, bap, bap!
Some, they call it secular
I just call it Black, Black, Black!
Marcus Garvey, Boukman Dutty
Bring that army back, back, back!
Malcolm X and Kwame Ture
This is where I'm at, at, at!
If you wanna talk to me
Talk to me about Black, Black, Black!
Haile Selassie The First
Negus Nagast, let's talk about that, that, that!
Kaboom, Nanny Maroon and all the Maroons
Let's talk about that, that, that!
The real Underground Railroad
The first subway for Black, Black, Black!
The freedom train begets what you bring
Getting on track, track, track!
Whether justice or injustice
How do you react-act-act?
Can you stand there laughing
While they shoot us in the back, back, back?
This is what some rappers sound like
Every time they rap, rap, rap!
I'm raising up the red and the green
And the black, black, black!
Even with no cops in the hood
We still hear "click-click, clack-clack-clack!"
I cannot forget my ancestors
Just because I rap, rap, rap!
Look at me from top to bottom
KRS is Black, Black, Black!

Get up, get out!
Speak up, speak out!
Reach up, reach out!
This is what Black about
Get up, get out!
Speak up, speak out!
Reach up, reach out!
This is what I rap about
Get up, get out!
Speak up, speak out!

Reach up, reach out!
Too many selling out
Get up, get out!
Reach up, reach out!
Lift up, lift out!
Get out!

Time to ask the question now
Are you really Black, Black, Black?
It is not a mystery
We under attack-tack-tack!
If you chatting fuckery
You hold our people back, back, back!
Time to put aside the fantasy
And deal with fact, fact, fact!
This is not the time to be talking
All that crap, crap, crap!
Those who talk that crap, crap, crap
Are those that don't fight back, back, back!
You can say what you like but real skill
I never lack, lack, lack!
Black is more a consciousness
The way you think and act, act, act!

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Speak up, speak out!
Reach up, reach out!
This is what Black about
Get up, get out!
Speak up, speak out!
Reach up, reach out!
This is what I rap about
Get up, get out!
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Reach up, reach out!
Too many selling out
Get up, get out!
Reach up, reach out!
Lift up, lift out!
Get out, lights out!

We have stayed here, and we begged the president, we begged the federal government. That's all we've been doing, begging, begging. It's time we stand up and take over, let's take over. We have to do what every group in this country did; we gotta take over the communities where we outnumber people so we can have decent jobs, so we can have decent houses, so we can have decent roads, so we can have decent schools, so we can have decent justice.